

**House File 188 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring new school buses purchased by school districts  
2 to be equipped with a front and rear motion sensor system.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.373, Code 2013, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *a.* A new school bus ordered for  
4 purchase by a school district on or after July 1, 2015, shall  
5 be equipped with a motion-activated student detection system  
6 consisting of at least two exterior motion sensors mounted  
7 on the front of the school bus, two exterior motion sensors  
8 mounted on the rear of the school bus, and a motion-sensitive  
9 alarm system.

10 *b.* Notwithstanding section 321.378, this subsection applies  
11 only to public schools where children are transported to and  
12 from school.

13 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
14 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
15 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
16 be paid by a school district from state school foundation  
17 aid received by the school district under section 257.16, a  
18 physical plant and equipment levy under section 298.2, or from  
19 revenues from the secure an advanced vision for education  
20 fund under chapter 423F. This specification of the payment  
21 of the state cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state  
22 funding-related requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3,  
23 and no additional state funding shall be necessary for the  
24 full implementation of this Act by and enforcement of this Act  
25 against all affected school districts.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires that new school buses ordered for  
28 purchase by a school district on or after July 1, 2015, be  
29 equipped with a motion-activated student detection system  
30 consisting of at least two exterior motion sensors mounted  
31 on the front of the school bus, two exterior motion sensors  
32 mounted on the rear of the school bus, and a motion-sensitive  
33 alarm system. The bill applies only to public schools.

34 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
35 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of

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1 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
2 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
3 school district under Code section 257.16, a physical plant and  
4 equipment levy under Code section 298.2, or from revenues from  
5 the secure an advanced vision for education fund under Code  
6 chapter 423F. The specification is deemed to constitute state  
7 compliance with any state mandate funding-related requirements  
8 of Code section 25B.2. The inclusion of this specification is  
9 intended to reinstate the requirement of political subdivisions  
10 to comply with any state mandates included in the bill.